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I-496 Project Update

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Reconstruction on I-496 is in progress! The project officially started April 1 with a total closure of eastbound I-496 that will last into mid-summer. Construction will then take place on westbound I-496, with a total closure of westbound until November 2020. A video of progress can be accessed at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qlXwdJeSIi0>

Project Progress Last 2 Weeks:

- The contractor set up their portable concrete crushing plant for recycling the old concrete pavement removed from the project. All the old concrete pavement removed will be used as the aggregate base for the new roadbed.
- Pavement breaking operation and removals started on the west end of the project and will progress east. All pavement breaking has been completed on the ramps and is mostly completed on the mainline.
- Topsoil stripping, pavement removal, and earth excavation have been completed on the ramps from I-96 and started on mainline I-496.

Project Expectations Next 2 Weeks:

- Grading operations will continue following the pavement removal operations progressing east.
- The placement of sand subbase and culvert crossings will begin after the completion of the initial grading operation.
- Underdrains, separators and an open-graded drainage course will be placed next.
- Work will begin on the following bridges:
 - EB I-496 over Waverly Road: Bridge demolition for railing and joint removals

- EB I-496 over Lansing Road: Bridge demolition for deck removal
- Main Street over I-496: Bridge demolition for deck removal

How Will Traffic be Affected:

- Eastbound I-496 traffic will remain detoured via I-96 to Lansing Road.
- Ramps to eastbound I-496 will be closed from I-96, Creyts Road, and Waverly Road.
- Waverly Road:
 - Expect lane closures for bridge demolition and bridge work between Lansing Road and St. Joseph Street.
- Main Street over I-496 will be closed and detoured via Waverly Road to Martin Luther King Jr Boulevard starting April 22 through late July.
- To facilitate bridge demolition of EB I-496 over Lansing Road and Main Street over I-496 the following non-concurrent night-time and weekend closure are upcoming:
 - WB I-496 ramp to Lansing Road and WB St Joseph Street to Lansing Road will be closed and detoured via St Joseph Street to Waverly Road during the following times:
 - 3 night-time closures from 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.
 - Full weekend closure scheduled for Friday, April, 24 at 8:00 p.m. through Monday, April 27 at 5:00 a.m.
 - WB I-496 from Lansing Rd to Waverly will be closed and detoured from 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. for 2 nights.
 - Lansing Road to EB I-496 will be closed and detoured via Malcolm X Street to EB I-496 from 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. for 2 nights.

General Project Information:

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is investing approximately \$50 million to improve I-496 between I-96 and Lansing Road. Work will include reconstructing the freeway and ramps, preventive maintenance on all the bridges in the project area, and making operational improvements to the entrance and exit ramps at the I-96, Creyts Road, and Waverly Road interchanges.

Additional Information:

For more information about the I-496 project, go to www.michigan.gov/496Lansing. The project website contains various visual aids including alternate route maps and additional links to project-related information.

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